

REAL ESTATE SHOWS UNUSUAL ACTIVITY

Investments and Loans on Property in January Reached Total of \$4,900,000.

Investments in the purchase of and loans on local real estate in January reached a total of \$4,900,000. Involved in the month's trading were 472 transactions, comprising 763 lots and parcels of realty.

This record is \$1,825,000 in advance of the investments for December, 1913, and exceeds that of January of last year by \$1,600,000. The total investments for January, 1912, were \$6,600,000, while those of January, 1911, were \$2,500,000.

The month's business has been gratifying to the brokers. Inquiries made by prospective purchasers augur well for an early spring boom in realty trading, it is stated.

The fourth week of January, while making the poorest showing of the month in the number of transactions effected, witnessed the best single day's activity of the new year. The brokers yesterday closed thirty-two sales, a number well in advance of any previous day's business this month. The trading of the other days of the week was below mediocrity, and drew down the week's total to only 111 transactions. Involved in the week's volume of trading were 148 lots and parcels of real estate.

Friday Is Second.

Friday's selling was 60 per cent in advance of the next best day's activity. Wednesday ranked second, with twenty deals concluded. Saturday saw sixteen sales complete, and fifteen were closed on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

For the first time, each of the four days of the month saw a sale in the Northwest section.

The northwest section led the market this week in the number of lots sold, having fifty-six sales. The outlying suburbs were in second place, with thirty-two parcels conveyed. There were thirty-two lots transferred in the near-by district, and fourteen in the southeast. Eight lots were sold in the northeast. No report of a sale was made in South Washington during the week.

The financial market was the feature of the week. Loans in the past ten days totaled \$732,165.05. Two of these were for \$100,000 each. Harry Wardman and Thomas Jones borrowed this sum from Swartzell, Rheem & Henney Company, for the purpose of improving with an apartment at 1806 and 1811 E street northwest. The other similar loan was made by the Real Estate Trust Company to Annie E. McQueen, who owns the new building on the northeast corner of Fourteenth and H streets, where the trust company will have its office. This loan is to be repaid in six months.

Pledge Million Feet.

More than 1,000,000 square feet of ground in Potomac Heights and at Somerset Maryland are pledged by the Potomac Heights Land Company as security for a loan of \$50,000. The money was advanced by the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company of Winston-Salem, N. C., and is payable in installments from January, 1914, to June, 1917.

Two trusts are in the market, and the other for \$25,000 was recorded on Thursday by the Home Loan Company on the corner of Third and E streets northwest. The old property at Third and E streets northwest, here sold to a colored congregation. The money is advanced by the American Security and Trust Company and is repayable in three years with interest at 5 per cent.

Christian Heurich took title during the week to two parcels of business property. Premises 1202 E street northwest, which adjoins extensive holdings of the wealthy brewer on Pennsylvania avenue and E street northwest, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, were conveyed to him by Carl Keyser and others. Louis E. Smith, a partner, transferred to him the property at 1915 New York avenue.

Additional Property.

The Church Orphanage Association of St. John's Church purchased additional property this week on Twentieth street northwest, between E and F streets, near the location of the orphanage. The seller was Eugene Bettes. The price is not stated in the record.

The exact figures in the loan market this week were \$732,165.05. This sum was borrowed on the security of 388 lots at an average interest of 5.25 per cent. Straight loans had the lion's share of the week's business, showing a total of \$205,762.46. The sum of all the notes given for deferred purchase money was \$25,113.65. The building associations advanced to members \$12,230.

Northwest property led in the choice for loan security having been pledged for an aggregate of \$25,425. County property was encumbered to the extent of \$306,566.88. The total of loans in the northeast was \$10,355.30, and in the southeast \$2,500. No money was borrowed during the week by owners of property in South Washington.

Plans for the German Embassy Are Rejected

The plans of Ernst von Ihne, court architect of the German Embassy in S street near Twenty-second street northwest, were yesterday declared unsuitable for the President's Academy building, according to dispatches from Berlin. Those by three winners of an architectural competition last summer for plans of the embassy were also declared unfit.

The action is declared, will postpone indefinitely the erection of the building.

Activity Reported by N. L. Sansbury Company

N. L. Sansbury Company, real estate brokers, report a marked activity in sales with the beginning of the year. Nine residence properties are reported sold by the agents, amounting to \$47,355. For Lewis E. Bruening, they have sold 167 Hobart street northwest to Charles Childs.

For Charles A. Tankersley, they sold 162 Hobart street northwest to Charles K. Phillips.

For Kennedy Bros., they sold 625 Lexington street northeast to William H. Wetzel.

For Thomas R. Senior, they sold 202 Elm street northwest to Theodore C. Webb. Other sales were made to Theodore C. Webb, of 1558 Third street northwest; to Furman Wormley, 1880 Third street northwest; to Charles N. Pryor, 1882 Third street northwest; to Edward A. Ridgeley, 1864 Third street northwest; to Minnie L. Hill, 212 Elm street northwest.

NEW THEATER, PROPOSED HOTEL, AND HOME



THE SAVOY THEATER, AT COLUMBIA ROAD AND FOURTEENTH STREET NORTHWEST NEARING COMPLETION, WILL BE ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST COMMODIOUS MOVING PICTURE THEATERS.

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NEW 'MOVIE' THEATER IN UPTOWN DISTRICT

The Savoy on Fourteenth Street Near Columbia Road Is Most Ambitious in City.

The "movie" world of Washington is looking with considerable interest on the latest improvement completed, with the erection of the Savoy Theater, in upper Fourteenth street, between Columbia road and living street. The latest moving picture theater in Washington is regarded as one of the most ambitious in the city, having a seating capacity of 800, being erected at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

The facade is tastefully constructed in a tan shade of tapestry brick, ornamented about the base by limestone introductions, and presenting an ample iron glass marquee projecting over the front sidewalk.

The arcade apertures are artistically and practically arranged as entrances to the auditorium above the main entrance. The introduction of a new moving picture theater in that section points out a significant growth in the business of the uptown section of upper Fourteenth street.

MAETERLINCK BOOKS BARRED BY VATICAN

Faithful Are Forbidden to Read or Keep Works of the Belgian Author.

ROME, Jan. 31.—The Congregation of the Index has issued a decree placing a ban on all the works of Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian author and poet. All the faithful are forbidden to read, keep, borrow or sell his works.

One of the latest books of the Belgian poet, which may have caused the Catholic Church to object to his writings, is "Immortality," in which he discusses the question of a future life from a philosophical point of view. After laying stress on the impossibility of the human brain grasping this tremendous problem even to the extent of being able to formulate it in definite words, M. Maeterlinck says:

"It seems to us that if our existence after death is not continued with the worst of the Hellenes and the defects which characterize it today our individuality will be lost; each one of us would become a drop of ignorance in the immense ocean of the unknown, and that therefore what happens after this life is no concern of ours."

"What immortality can be promised to men who necessarily conceive it in this fashion? What would there be to do in such a future state? This is the question proposed to us by an instinct, puerile yet profound. All immortality, which does not drag through eternity like the ball and chain of the prisoners, which we are, that strange consciousness, now formed during the years, all immortality which does not bear the indelible sign of our identity is for us as if it did not exist. The majority of religions have understood this, and have taken into account this instinct which gives birth to and destroys at the same moment the desire for a future life. It is thus that the Catholic Church, going back to the most primitive hours, guarantees to us not alone the integral continuance of the terrestrial ego but the resurrection of our bodies."

M. Maeterlinck examines the question of survival in a more detailed manner. His conclusion in this book is an absolute rejection of the idea of hell and he expresses the conviction that no matter what may come after life on earth it cannot be worse than life as we live here, no matter how we have conducted ourselves during this life.



Two residences at the corner of Sixteenth and P streets pointed out as the most recent and attractive of residence improvements in lower Sixteenth street.

DENNIS RESIDENCE PROPERTY ERECTED PLAN TO PUSH WORK UPON NEW HOSPITAL

Two Buildings on Avenue of the Presidents at P Street Are Novelties in Architecture.

Notable among improvements in residence property none is as recent and as attractive as the two residence buildings of W. F. Dennis being completed at the corner of P street.

Two residences, formerly other dwellings, have been erected at the corner site and will be opened for occupancy within the next 10 days.

A novel architectural style, they present fronts on both street sides. The new homes measure something like fifty feet in the Avenue of the Presidents and are built on a lot of 100 feet. The new homes are striking for their unusually bright and well-lighted rooms, appointed in the latest taste and with the latest of equipment.

Three stories and a basement are contained in each. The upper property contains twenty-three rooms.

The first floor is tastefully arranged, having a large sun parlor, a well-lighted dining room and commodious entrance lobby, as well as pantry and service rooms. Nine bedrooms are contained on the upper two floors.

James Galvin is in charge of the building operations.

The new residences are directly opposite the Carnegie Institution of Geophysical Research, and near the new Masonic Temple.

Changes Are Announced In Interior Department

Examiner William W. Townsend, of the Patent Office, has been promoted by Secretary Lane from \$2,000 to \$2,200 a year. Ray L. Stinchfield, examiner, is promoted from \$1,800 to \$2,000; Edward M. Bryant, from \$1,500 to \$1,800; and Henry E. Norwood, from \$1,200 to \$1,500. Irving C. Harris, engineer in the reclamation service, has been promoted from \$2,000 to \$2,200.

Apartment House Traded For Georgia Plantation

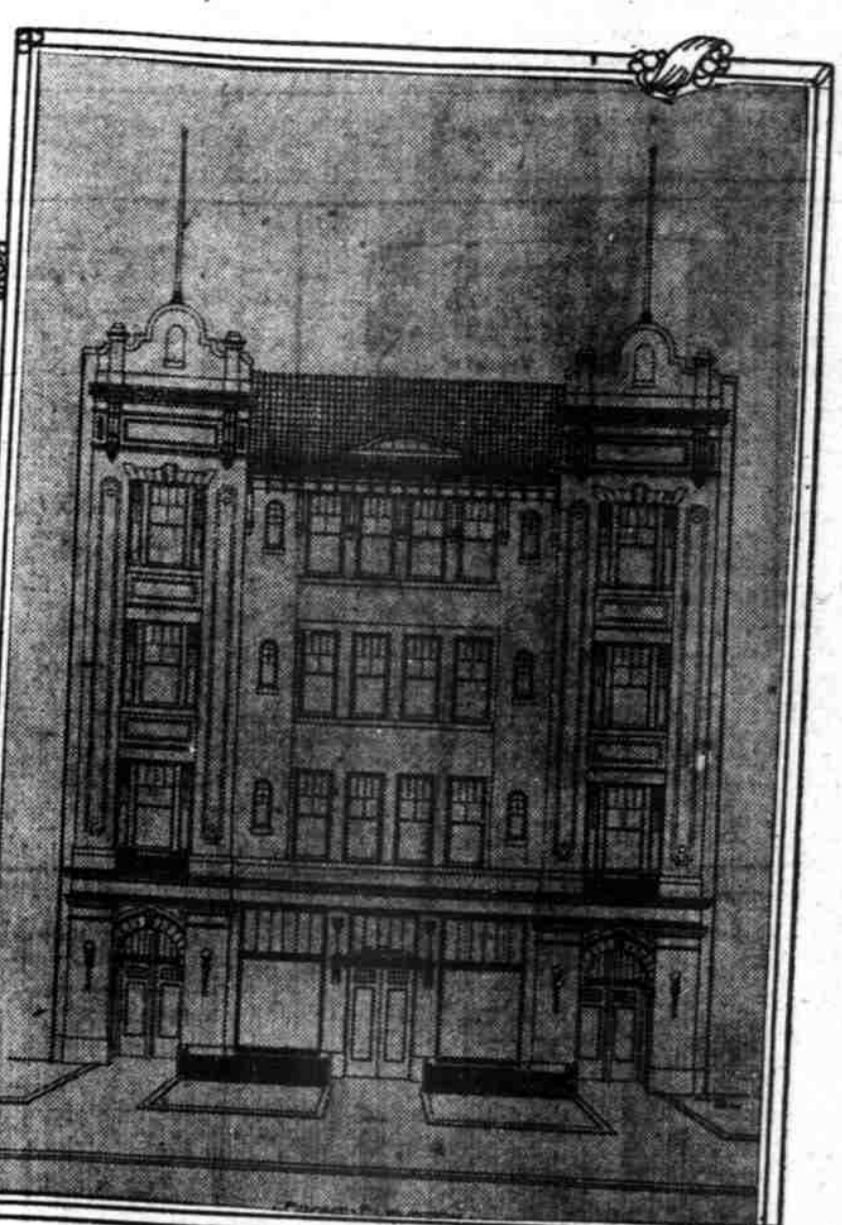
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Foolish Question.

"How do you feel this morning?" asked Bartwick, meeting a well-known Kentuckian, colonel of a regiment, "Hotten, sah. How would you expect a gentleman to feel in the mornin', sah?"—Exchange.



THE JEWEL HOTEL, In North Capitol street is proposed with other buildings for the vicinity of the new plaza. The hotel will cost about \$80,000.

CHEVY CHASE TO SEE ATTRACTIVE HOMES

Old Dutch Architecture to Mark Type of New Improvement For Smart Set.

One of the more attractive residences in Chevy Chase, east of Connecticut avenue, in Chevy Chase, is to be built with the coming spring for H. Prescott Gately. The residence will be located adjacent to the recently built homes of many prominent Washingtonians. The structure will be built in the old Dutch Colonial architecture, containing two stories and an attic. The lot measures 125 by 125 feet.

Stone will be exclusively used in the construction of the exterior, and the west side will be ornamented by a commodious Colonial porch.

One of the novel features promised with the new home will be a garage so constructed beneath the residence to form a subdivision of the cellar with the storeroom, boiler, and furnace rooms.

The first floor will be divided into a large and handsomely appointed living room. A large living room will flank the entrance connected with a reception hall and reception room, leading into the dining hall.

Four bedrooms will be contained in the upper story and servants' quarters located in the attic.

The improvement points out a growing specialty in the prevailing Colonial architecture, and many of Washington's smartest residents are moving into the popular section.

Adjacent to the proposed Gately residence will be located the homes of Drs. J. P. Morgan and Butler. The Gately residence will be built at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

LANE HORSES AID PLANS OF EMPLOYEES

Mutual Self-Help Organization in Department Has About 700 Members.

Secretary of the Interior Lane has given official indorsement to the Government Employees' Relief Association, composed of about 700 members of various bureaus of the department. The association provides for benefits on account of accident, illness or death. Secretary Lane's letter giving official approval of the organization is as follows:

"The Government Employees' Mutual Relief Association is based on the underlying principle of mutual self-help. Membership in this association will afford aid in cases of illness and accident and cause the person who is so unfortunate as to be visited by these calamities to feel that he will have some financial assistance in his time of need. It is a noble and commendable plan among employees that death, illness or accident shall not render necessary an appeal to their associates for assistance."

Brother's Bite Causes Rabies Decade Afterward

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 31.—Miss Helen Brown, of this place, is dying from hydrophobia as the result of having been bitten by her brother, who died eleven years ago, after having been bitten by a mad dog.

Expect Rebel Leader to Attack Port au Prince

Dalhousie Theodore, self-named leader of the revolutionists in Haiti, is expected to attack Port au Prince today, according to Navy Department intelligence reports from a reliable source in Port au Prince.

Theodore is expected to be joined by Charles Zamore, a former Haitian general, only a small force of revolutionists remain at Cape Haitien, which is reported quiet.

'One Baby a Year' Pledge Kept; Schedule Beaten

ROCKVILLE CENTER, L. I., Jan. 31.—Nineteen fourteen will be the banner year of the "Bonnie Cripple Club."

The unwritten law of the club is that at least one child shall be born every year to one of the members.

This purpose has been faithfully observed by the organization during the four years of its existence. The pledge of the society will be redeemed this year by two of its members—Mrs. James Hatlatch, of Forest avenue, and Mrs. John Ferrer, of Forest avenue.

The Roll of Honor.

The society's child for 1913—the daughter of Mrs. Louise Carr, of North Center avenue—won the prize a few months ago at the eugenic baby contest.

The seven members of the society and the present number of their families are Mrs. Walter Johnson, Clinton avenue, four children; Mrs. Edwin Ferrer, Forest avenue, three children; Mrs. Frederick Marquardt, of South Center avenue, six children; Mrs. Elmer Raab, of Randall avenue, two children; Mrs. Hatlatch, of North Center avenue, one child.

"To Make Great Nation."

There were but six members when the club organized. It flourished. Several there were who were curious to know the aim, the object, the motive. To all questioners came the simple answer:

"We do the greatest good possible to womankind. We are patriotic, and our object is to assist the men of our country to make this great nation even greater."

Every week the club meets. Such things as the home, the schooling of youngsters and the generations of the future are considered. "You can't do anything about a week," said one of the members. "Through the 'Bonnie Cripple Club' there came to Rockville Center in the four years following its organization five little soldiers for the great army of the rising generation."

Ahead By One Baby.

A seventh member was admitted to the club—Mrs. Hatlatch. And today, from one of its devoted seven, it became known that from the Hatlatch home within a week there would be recruited another little warrior for the army of hope.

"Don't you see?" asked one of the original members. "You can't do anything about a week, but you can do something about a year. The club is one baby ahead of schedule, and within a fortnight there will be an excess of two."

Clerk Resigns From the Bureau of Navigation

The Department of Commerce has announced the following changes: In the Bureau of Navigation, Miss Louise Lowell, clerk, \$1,200, resigned, and Frank B. Earp, appointed temporary clerk at \$900. In the Bureau of Fisheries, Mrs. Radcliffe, transferred from superintendent and director to assistant at \$1,600; Samuel Hildebrand from assistant to superintendent and director at \$1,800; Ernest Beaufort, N. C., at \$1,500, and Ernest Danahoe promoted to assistant at \$1,300.

Model Workers' Homes To Rent for \$12 a Month

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 31.—Attractive model dwellings of brick and stone with bath, steam heat, and electric light, to rent for not more than \$12 a month, will be ready for occupancy in a project announced here today.

Architects have already planned fifty such dwellings, and the first of them will be situated near industrial centers, enabling workers to walk to their employment.

Tower Saviour Used as An Example Is Found

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 31.—News of the finding of the foundations of the tower of Sion has been received by the Rev. Dr. Max Kellner, from Jerusalem. This was the tower concerning which Jesus said:

"These eighteen upon whom the tower of Sion shall fall and slum them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwell in Jerusalem?"

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